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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment is being filed on February 7, 2006 in response to the Examiner's Action dated October 13, 2005, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A petition for a one-month extension of time for response accompanies this amendment, as well as a request for continuing examination.

Please amend the claims of the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application without prejudice as

follows: